

# News Release

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## **Rick Brazell Accepts New Forest Supervisor Position for the Nez Perce and Clearwater Forests**

*Grangeville, Idaho* – Acting Forest Supervisor Ralph Rau announced this afternoon during an All Employee Videoconference that Rick Brazell has accepted the Forest Supervisor position for the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests. Rick has served as Forest Supervisor on the Colville National Forest (NF) from 2003 to present. His effective start date is October 12, 2009.

Rick earned his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from West Texas A&M University in 1975. He earned his MS in Wildlife Science at Utah State University in 1982. He started his Forest Service career as the Forest Biologist on the Ashley NF in Vernal, Utah. Rick served as District Ranger at the LBJ and Caddo Grasslands in Decatur, Texas from 1996-1999. He was the Renewable Resources Staff Officer for Region 2 from 1999-2003.

Rick has been on several details during his career. He was the Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Pike-San Isabel NF in 2001 and Acting Forest Supervisor at the San Juan NF and San Juan Resource Area (BLM) in 2002. Rick also was detailed as the Acting Forest Supervisor at the Wenatchee/Okanogan NF in 2005 and Acting Deputy Regional Forester in Region 6 in 2008.

Experience in fire management as an incident management team member, working with the public, collaborative efforts, stewardship contracting, volunteer work, and strong ties with tribal governments are some of Rick's strong points.

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